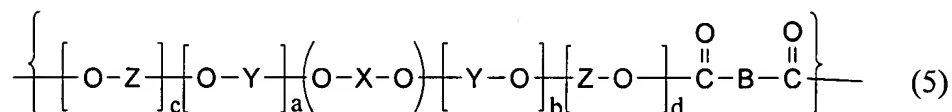
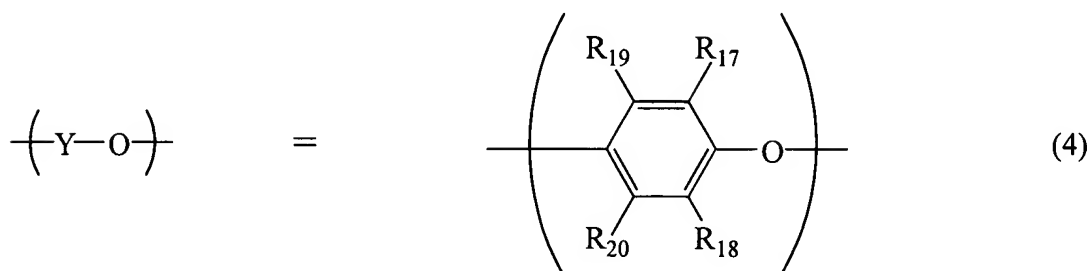
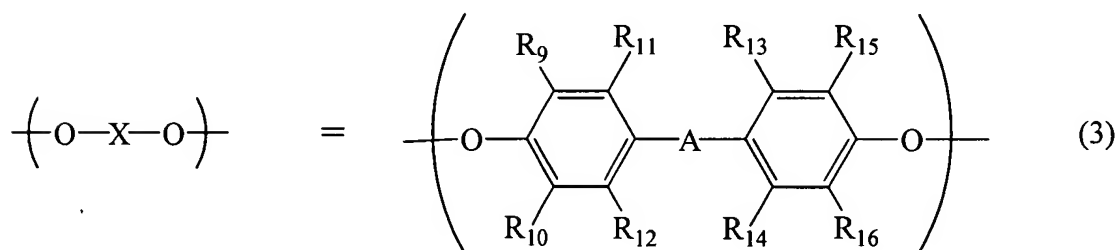
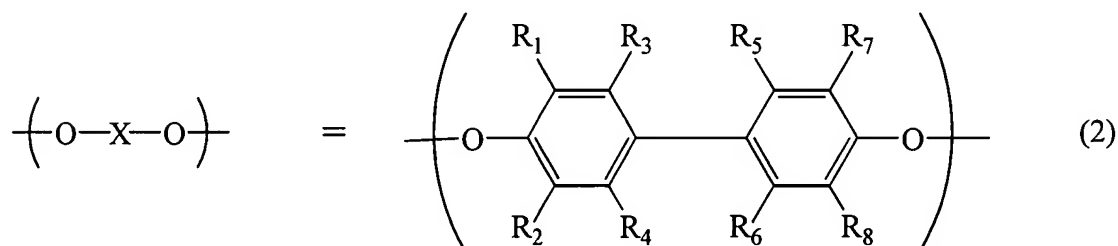
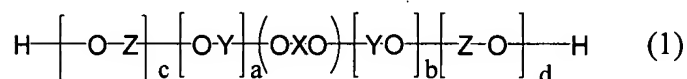


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A polyester having a structure of the formula (5) which is obtained from, as a raw material, a bifunctional phenylene ether oligomer having a number average molecular weight of 500 to 3,000 and having a specific structure of the formula (1),



wherein $-(\text{O-X-O})-$ is composed of one kind of structure or at least two kinds of structures defined by the formula (2)

in which R₁, R₂, R₃, R₇ and R₈ may be the same or different and represent a halogen atom, an alkyl group having 6 or less carbon atoms or a phenyl group and R₄, R₅ and R₆ may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group having 6 or less carbon atoms or a phenyl group

and/or the formula (3)

in which R₉, R₁₀, R₁₅ and R₁₆ may be the same or different and represent a halogen atom, an alkyl group having 6 or less carbon atoms or a phenyl group and R₁₁, R₁₂, R₁₃ and R₁₄ may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group having 6 or less carbon atoms or a phenyl group,

A is a linear, branched or cyclic hydrocarbon having 20 or less carbon atoms,

-(Y-O)- is an arrangement of one kind of structure defined by the formula (4) or a random arrangement of at least two kinds of structures defined by the formula (4)

in which R₁₇ and R₁₈ may be the same or different and represent a halogen atom, an alkyl group having 6 or less carbon atoms or a phenyl group and R₁₉ and R₂₀ may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group having 6 or less carbon atoms or a phenyl group,

Z is an organic group having at least one carbon atom and may contain an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and/or a halogen atom,

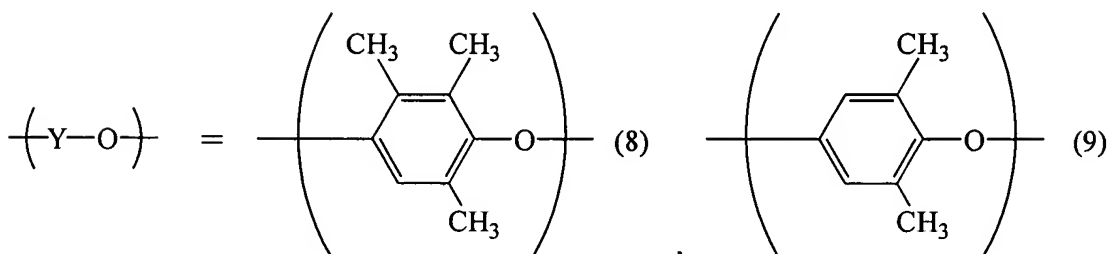
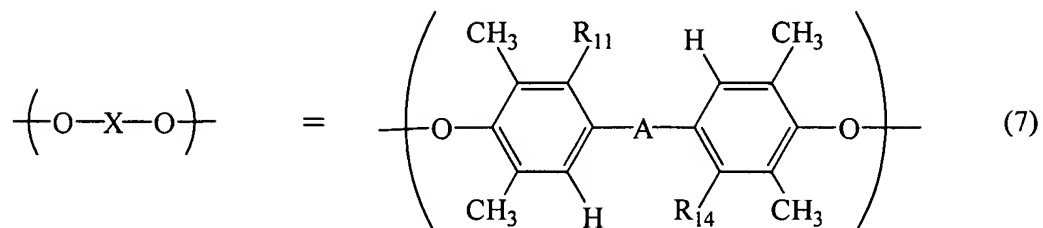
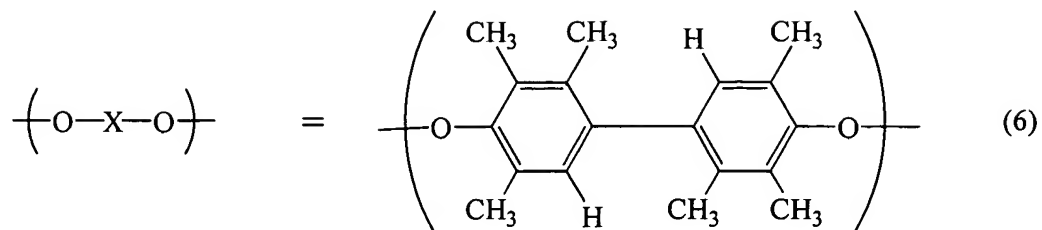
B is a bivalent organic group ~~and is formed of one kind of structure or at least two kinds of structures,~~

each of a and b is an integer of 0 to 30, provided that at least one of a and b is not 0, and

each of c and d is 0 or 1.

2. (Original) The polyester according to claim 1,

wherein the bifunctional phenylene ether oligomer of the formula (1) has a structure in which -(O-X-O)- is represented by the formula (6) or the formula (7) and -(Y-O)- is an arrangement of the formula (8) or the formula (9) or a random arrangement of the formula (8) and the formula (9),



wherein R₁₁ and R₁₄ represent a hydrogen atom or a methyl group and A is a linear, branched or cyclic hydrocarbon having 20 or less carbon atoms.

3. (Original) The polyester according to claim 2,

wherein -(Y-O)- has a structure represented by the formula (9).

4. (Original) The polyester according to claim 1,

which has a weight average molecular weight of at least 10,000.

5. (Original) A resin composition containing the polyester recited in claim 1.

6. (Original) A film made of the polyester recited in claim 1.

7. (Original) A film made of the resin composition recited in claim 5.

8. (Original) A laminate comprising the film recited in claim 6 and metal foil(s) laminated on one surface or both surfaces of the film.

9. (Original) A laminate comprising the film recited in claim 7 and metal foil(s) laminated on one surface or both surfaces of the film.